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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application Number	09/813,466
Filing Date	March 20, 2001 Technology Center 2600
First Named Inventor	Bruno C. Silva
Group Art Unit	2672
Examiner Name	M. Good Johnson
Attorney Docket No.	MICR0195

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on **October 14, 2003** and not docketed properly by USPTO. (Copy of postcard attached as proof of receipt by USPTO).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment (Copy of postcard date stamped received 10/17/03 by USPTO and copy of previously filed Amendment and Request for Reconsideration dated October 14, 2003).

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3.. Request for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the Final Office Action dated September 5, 2003, set to expire on **December 5, 2004**, be extended by **three (3) months** to expire on **March 5, 2004**. The \$950 large entity three -month extension of time fee is enclosed herewith in the check noted below.

4. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-1940.

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Any additional required fees

iv. Other _____

b. Check No. 1257 in the amount of \$1720 is enclosed, which includes the \$770 large entity RCE filing fee and the \$950 extension of time fee.

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c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Typed/Printed Name Ronald M. Anderson Registration Number: 28,829

Signature Ron Anderson Date: March 4, 2004

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

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Date of Deposit: March 4, 2004

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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